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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT ACTION SAIGON PRIORITY DA NANG, NHA TRANG,
CAN THO INFO USDAO SAIGON PRIOTITY FROM BIEN HOA APRIL 11. REPEATED
TO YOU FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BIEN HOA 178

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MR 3 SPECIAL DAILY SITREP - APRIL 11, 1974

1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 3 CONTINUED AT RECENT HIGH LEVELS FOR
24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 0800 APRIL 11. THERE WERE 53 INCIDENTS
COMPARED WITH 49 FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOUR PERIOD. FOLLOWING PATTERN
OF LAST FEW DAYS, DUC HUE, TONLE CHAM AND TRANG BANG CONTINUED TO
REPORT HIGHEST LEVELS OF ACTIVITY.

2. COMMUNISTMORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE (23 MINOR AND 4 MAJOR
ABF'S) ACCOUNTED FOR MORE THAN HALF OF WEDNESDAY'S INCIDENTS. THERE
WERE 9 GROUND ATTACKS AND 2 COMBINED ABF/GROUND CONTACTS.
CASUALTIES WERE LOWER FOR BOTH GVN AND NVA/VC. FRIENDLY LOSSES
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WERE 78 (11 KIA, 67 WIA) COMPARED WITH 27 ENEMY KIA AND 2

RALLIERS WHO TURNED THEMSELVES IN NEAR TRI TAM.

3. A COMMUNIST GROUND/ABF ATTACK AGAINST THE ARVN 3RD BN, 46TH REGT AND THE 2ND CO, 22ND TANK BN 5 KMS NE OF TRANG BANG RESULTED IN FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OF ONE KIA AND 14 WIA WITH ENEMY LOSSES UNKNOWN. ANOTHER CONTACT 6 KMS NE OF TRANG BANG RESULTED IN THE 328TH RF BN LOSING 3 WIA AND 4 MIA WITH ENEMY CASUALTIES AGAIN UNKNOWN. A COMMUNIST ABF 6 KMS DIRECTLY NORTH OF TRANG BANG RESULTED IN GVN CASUALTIES OF 2 KIA AND 2 WIA. IN A CONTACT 9 KMS WEST OF DUC HUE, THE 83RD RANGER BN SUFFERED 3 WOUNDED, ENEMY UNKNOWN. ELSEWHERE IN DUC HUE, RANGER AND RF UNITS WITHSTOOD COMMUNIST SHELLINGS WITH NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

4. ENEMY SHELLING AT TONLE CHAM CONTINUED UNABATED WITH 112 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE REPORTED. AT AN LOC, NVA/VC FORCES LAUNCHED A COMBINED GROUND/ABF ATTACK AGAINST THE 365TH RF BN 7 KMS SW OF THE CITY RESULTING IN 10 FRIENDLY WOUNDED, ENEMY UNKNOWN.

5. IN PHUOC LONG AN RF RECONNAISSANCE TEAM INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON A PLATOON SIZE ENEMY FORCE IN A CONTACT 7 KMS SE OF DONG XOAI. THE RF UNIT REPORTED 18 COMMUNIST KIA AND NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. COMMUNIST ABDUCTED 2 FARMERS NEAR BEN CAT, ADDING TO THE NUMBER OF KIDNAP VICTIMS RECENTLY REPORTED IN BINH DUONG. (WE HAVE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATING THE FRENCH OWNERS OF A TRI TAM RUBBER PLANTATION ARE SUSPENDING OPERATIONS IN RETALIATION FOR THE ABDUCTION OF 61 FEMALE PLANTATION WORKERS LAST WEEK).

6. ACTIVITY IN PHUOC TUY INCLUDED COMMUNIST ABF'S IN DAT DO AND LONG LE DISTRICTS AND TWO GROUND CONTACTS OF THE 302ND RF BN WITH AN ENEMY SQUAD AND PLATOON, RESPECTIVELY, 2 KMS NE OF LONG LE IN WHICH THE RF SUFFERED 4 WOUNDED, ENEMY UNKNOWN. PETERS QUNQUOTE MARTIN

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